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ISRAELI PM NETANYAHU **COULD FACE CHARGES**

Israeli police on Tuesday recommended indicting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for bribery in two criminal investigations but the Israeli leader, calling the allegations baseless, vowed to remain in office. Now deep in a cloud of uncertainty over his political future, the right-wing leader will await a final decision by Israel's attorney-general on whether he will face charges, a process that could take weeks or

even months. The recommendations, which police made public on Tuesday night, were at the more serious end of the range of charges that had been expected to be leveled against Netanyahu, now in his fourth term. The investigations have gone on for more than a year. One of the cases, known as Case 1000, alleges the "committing of crimes of bribery, fraud and breach of trust by the prime minister, Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu."

FBI'S WRAY CONTRADICTS WHITE HOUSE ON PORTER

FBI Director Christopher Wray on Tuesday contradicted the White House version of events surrounding the background check for a former top aide accused of domestic abuse by two ex-wives, triggering more disarray around the controversy. Wray, in testimony on Capitol Hill, said the agency in late July completed a background check for security clearance for former

White House staff secretary Rob Porter, who resigned a week ago amid allegations of abuse from two former wives. Wray's comments conflict with the White House assertion that the FBI and intelligence agencies had not completed investigations into Porter. Porter had been operating under a temporary clearance that gave him access to some sensitive information without a final security clearance.



SECOND JUDGE BLOCKS TRUMP ON ENDING DACA

A second U.S. judge on Tuesday blocked President Donald Trump's decision to end a program that protects immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children from deportation. District Judge Nicholas Garaufis in Brooklyn ruled that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, cannot end in March as the Republican administration had planned, a victory for Democratic state attorneys general and immigrants who sued the federal government. The decision is similar to a Jan. 9 ruling by U.S. District Judge William Alsup in San Francisco that DACA must remain in place while litigation challenging Trump's decision continues. The legal battle over DACA complicates a debate currently underway in Congress on whether to change the nation's immigration laws.

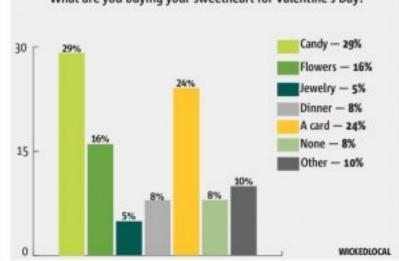
INTEL CHIEF: RUSSIA WILL INTERFERE IN ELECTION

Leaders of U.S. intelligence agencies warned on Tuesday that Russia will try to interfere in the 2018 U.S. midterm election by using social media to spread propaganda and misleading reports, much as it did in the 2016 campaign. Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats told a congressional committee that Russia and other foreign entities were likely to attack U.S. and European elections this year

and beyond, adding that Moscow believes similar efforts successfully undermined U.S. democracy two years ago. Coats, a former senator appointed by President Donald Trump as Washington's top intelligence official, said he had already seen evidence Russia was targeting U.S. elections in November. "Frankly, the United States is under attack," Coats said at the Senate Intelligence Committee's annual hearing on worldwide threats.

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Here's how the Valentine's Day card industry got its start

Esther Howland from Worcester pioneered the romance card industry in the United States.



Long before Valentine's Day could ever be called a "Hallmark holiday," the romance card industry had its roots in Worcester thanks to one woman.

Esther Howland is considered the pioneer of the American Valentine's Day card industry. In the 1800s, she fashioned fancy paper and lace valentines by hand, sparking a business that would boom in the central Massachusetts city.

"The lore is that she was a Mount Holyoke



Howland valentines were distinct because of their unique designs featuring lace overlaying different colors. COLLECTION OF WORCESTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

graduate when she received an [English] valentine," said Bill Wallace, a historian and executive director at the Worcester Historical Museum. "Her father is a stationer, so here's something she can do - she likes the design and concept, and her

father has access to the materials."

Howland started assembling valentines around the late 1840s (she graduated in 1848) and initially sold her cards at her father's stationary store. Her designs were so popular that her business blossomed, experts believe, to gross more than \$100,000 a year.

Howland created her ornate valentines through an assembly line system in which one worker would lay down a background, the next would add the lace, another adding a decal, someone else adding a poem or verse on top, and so on.

This meant no two ever really looked alike. Her valentines were cherished, experts say, for their uniqueness and her innovative designs.

"We didn't invent the valentine," Wallace said, "but the valentine industry is something that impacts all of us at some point — we all receive a valentine. ... It's that creative spirit, it's that individuality of expression and it's a holiday everybody loves."



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MBTA faces \$111 million budget gap

The MBTA's projected budget gap is expected to grow to \$111 million in fiscal 2019, MBTA General Manager Luis Ramírez told the Fiscal and Management Control Board on Monday, and it's unclear whether fares will be part of the fix.

The projected gap is more than three times as large as the budget problem forecast a year ago. Transit officials could implement cost-savings plans or roll out revenue enhancements in the weeks leading up to April 15, when the T's annual budget is due for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

"Some of these things are actually structural, and they've been in place from before. And what we're going to do in this budget cycle is take a look at all the things we can do to improve not only productivity but also ways to reduce overall spending," Ramírez said. "My goal is to have our spending rate always be below the revenue growth rate."



The MBTA is looking at a \$111 million budget gap for the next fiscal year.

in 2015 restructured oversight of the agency that brings commuters to and from work every weekday, putting it under the oversight of a Fiscal and Management Control Board. After winter weather pushed the MBTA past its breaking point, the governor hoped that management reforms and added spending on infrastructure upgrades would make the MBTA more reliable.

Lawmakers and Baker still regularly bail the T out of its budget woes. Fare increases could be in play in fiscal 2019.

raised fares an average of 9.3 percent in 2016, while also pledging not to raise fares again until January 2019. Lawmakers later capped fares, limiting each fare to no more than a 7 percent increase every two years.

The projected budget gaps fell from \$119 million in fiscal 2015 to \$86 million in fiscal 2016, \$30 million in fiscal 2017, and \$30 million again budgeted into fiscal 2018, according to the T. In the 12 months that ended in December, there was a \$23 million structural deficit, according to the T.

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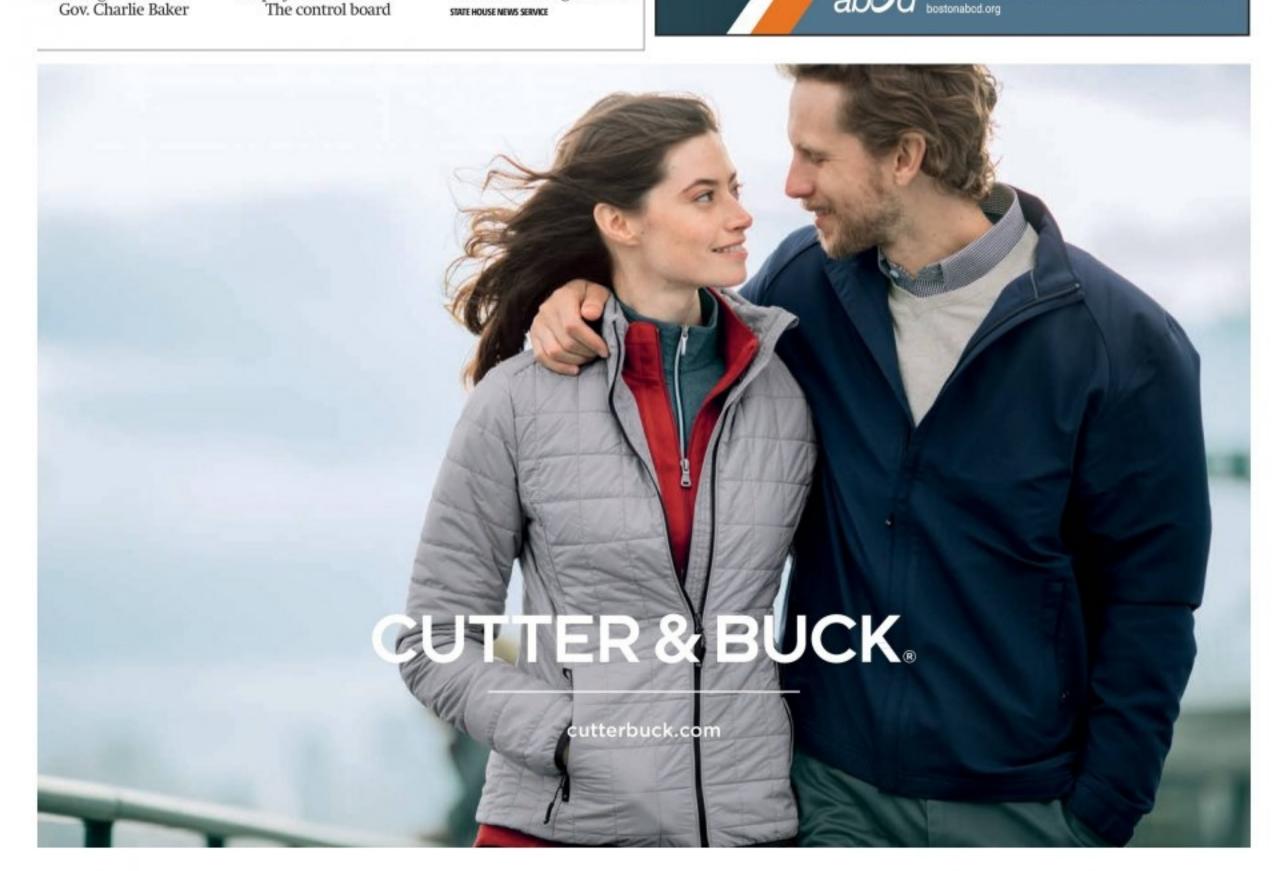
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Cambridge's Lamplighter gets a back taproom.

There's always something fun going on at Lamplighter Brewing Co., and now guests have more space to enjoy it all.

The Cambridge microbrewery recently unveiled its brand-new back taproom, effectively doubling its capacity to help accommodate all those loyal fans. According to an announcement on social media, Lamplighter's new space will "provide more room for events, pop-ups, seating and all those good things," and will be open Tuesday through Saturday evenings.

"We're incredibly excited to announce that our back taproom is finally ready to roll," the brewery wrote on Facebook.



Featuring its own bar, seating for up to 100 people, plus a funky mural by Boston-based artist Chloe Rubenstein, Lamplighter's back taproom is the perfect place grab a drink while checking out all kinds of events that are set to take over the space this month.

If you're single and

If you go

284 Broadway, Cambridge, lamplighterbrewing.com

ready to mingle on Valentine's Day, stop by on Wednesday night for a special speed-dating

event. Kicking off at 9 p.m. and open to all genders, tickets are just \$10 and come with a full pour of beer.

Stop by on Thursday night for Littleburg's veggie burger pop-up, or if you're interested in munching on Polish pierogi, swing by on Friday to taste goodies from Glouchester-based Jaju Pierogi. Brato Brewhouse + Kitchen will be back on Saturday for its recurring grilled cheese pop-up, which will return for the last time this month on Feb. 24.

And as Team USA continues its quest for gold in South Korea, local fans can get in on the action with Lamplighter's beer Olympics on Monday, starting at 6 p.m. MATT JULL

BOSTON



City Table's Belgian waffle bread pudding

Impress your Valentine's Day date with this recipe straight off the dessert menu at the Lenox Hotel's City Table. Executive chef Sean MacAlpine gives us the scoop on how to make his delicious Belgian waffle bread pudding.

Ingredients:

4 Belgian style waffles (preferably homemade but frozen will work in a pinch) 3 cups heavy cream 1 cup sugar 8 eggs

1 tablespoon vanilla extract Caramel sauce or maple syrup Ice cream

Directions:

Cut the waffles in cubes and leave out overnight to become stale or bake in a 200-degree oven for 30

minutes. Heat the cream until just below boiling and add vanilla. Crack the eggs into a bowl and whisk together with sugar until well incorporated. Slowly whisk the cream into the eggs, go slow so as not to scramble the eggs. Add the cubed waffles to the mix and let sit for 1 hour. Pour into a buttered baking dish and bake at 325 degrees uncovered for 45 minutes or until just set. Serve with caramel sauce or maple syrup and your favorite ice cream.

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Boston sommelier's tips for picking the right wine for you

Abe & Louie's Benjamin Appleby shares his strategies for finding a great glass of vino.



Whether it's Valentine's Day, National Drink Wine Day (yes, that's a thing) or just a night out on the town, finding the perfect glass of wine that fit your taste buds can get tricky.

Luckily, Benjamin Appleby of Abe & Louie's has a few tips that should help vino amateurs sift through the nearly endless selections of styles that

are out there.
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ite Boston steakhouse, so he definitely knows a thing or two when it comes to choosing the right bottle for any occasion.

Although there are always exceptions, Appleby tells Metro that an easy rule of thumb to follow is making selections based on whether you prefer Old World wines, which tend to hail from Europe, or New World wines from places like Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, as well as North and South America.

"New World wines tend to be more about the fruit," Appleby says. "Old World wines tend to be more about the earth, the place they come from, and they literally are earthy wines."

The Abe & Louie's

sommelier notes that Old World wines are usually drier, more acidic, contain less alcohol and serve as great companions to food. Meanwhile, New World wines are lusher, silkier in texture and have sweeter aromas.

"An Old World wine without food is almost half the picture," Appleby says. "They're all really focused on being part of a meal. New World wines tend to be more about the whole package."

So if you like a dryer, leaner drink to go with your meal, pick and Old World wine. But if you're in the mood for a fruitier beverage to drink on its own, New World is

the way to go.

He adds that other factors like the time of year also play a big part in choosing the right wine to drink in the moment.

"For sheer wine drinking pleasure, it's all about mood, what you're eating and seasonal, what time of year it is," Appleby says. "I'm much more inclined to drink white wine in the summer and red wine in the winter."

As a Berklee College of Music graduate and professional musician, Appleby believes there's a lot in common between the worlds of wine and music. It's all about making a selection that fits each person's tastes.

"Being a professional musician and a professional wine guy have a lot in common," Appleby says. "When you're a pro, you've got to learn how to appreciate what's good about what the job calls for and cater to the people that you try to serve."





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THE TOP-10 CELTICS OF ALL TIME

With Paul Pierce's No. 34 rightfully taking its place in the Garden rafters this past Sunday, a great debate has been sparked throughout Boston this week.

Who are the top 10 Boston Celtics players of all time, and where does Pierce fit on the list?

Most everyone's list starts with Bill Russell at No. 1, of course, and Larry Bird at No. 2. John Havlicek is typically No. 3 on most rankings.

But after No. 3 it starts to get a bit jumbled. Do Kevin McHale and Robert Parish deserve to both be on the list? Those were great teams in the 1980s, but those Celtics "only" won three championships. Russell's Celtics won 11 titles.

And do the late 2000s Celtics deserve two players on the list in Pierce and Kevin Garnett? That group only won one title.

Here is my list. Let's see how it compares to yours. Feel free to send in your own lists and

MATT BURKE

OPINION

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comments to matthew. burke@metro.us and on Twitter @Burke_Metro and we will look to print them in a future Metro edition.

1. Bill Russell 11 titles. The greatest winner in team sports history.

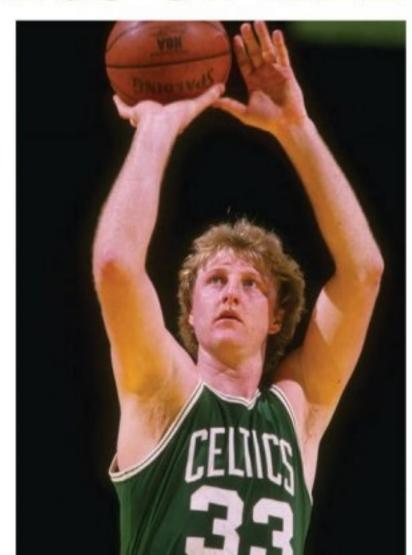
2. Larry Bird

Bird won three titles in a much more difficult era than the one in which Russell played. When

Russell played there were only eight teams in the NBA. Bird played in an era in which there were over 22 teams in the league and had to deal with Dr. J's Sixers, Magic Johnson's Lakers and Isiah Thomas' Pistons. Those opposing teams are all-time great teams. Bird's Celtics lost out on a few titles simply because the level of competition during that era

3. John Havlicek One of the most underrated athletes in not only Boston sports history but American sports history. When Havlicek retired, he ranked as the league's all-time leader in games played and was third all-time in points scored (behind only Wilt Chamberlain and Oscar

was so damn high.



Larry Bird won three NBA MVP awards. GETTY IMAGES

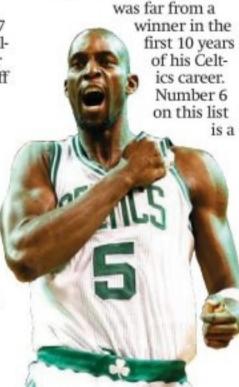
Robertson).

4. Bob Cousy The NBA MVP in 1957 and a 13-time NBA All-Star. Bonus points for doing Steve Nash stuff before Steve Nash.

Kevin McHale In his prime, McHale absolutely could have led a team to the NBA Finals. His post moves were out-of-this-world and he was Bird's 1A on the greatest NBA team of all-time (1986).

Paul Pierce Love Pierce, but all of the guys ahead

of him on this list have more titles and Pierce



perfect spot for him. No shame.

Dave Cowens Cowens averaged 13.6 rebounds per game in his career and won NBA MVP in 1973. Painfully underrated like all of the 1970s Celtics.

Sam Jones Jones won 10 titles with the Celtics and was a five-time All-Star. He was as clutch as clutch can be for those dominant 1960s Celtics teams.

9. Robert Parish The Chief was a ninetime NBA All-Star and was the rock in the paint for the great 1980s C's.

10. Kevin Garnett I originally had Dennis Johnson here, but putting four members of the 1980s Celtics on this list might be a bit much. If you're being honest, you have to admit that Garnett was the best player on the 2008 championship Celtics. KG changed the culture in Boston and sacrificed his individual stats for the greater good of winning. Unlike McHale, Pierce, Sam Jones or Parish - Garnett was an NBA MVP-caliber player. He won the damn thing in 2004 in Minnesota, and finished third in MVP voting in his first season with the Celtics in 2008 (Pierce did not receive one first place vote that year). Garnett often gets points deducted for only playing six seasons with the Celtics, but then again DJ only played seven seasons in Boston. DJ had his number retired by the C's. Garnett should too.

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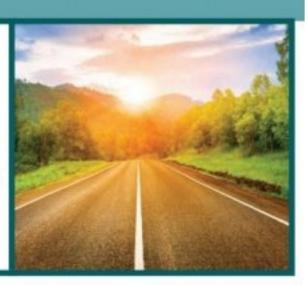
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Taurus Emotions will surface if you are dealing with someone who is overbearing or abusive. Don't start arguments you can't win. Protect yourself against insult or injury.



Gemini Follow through with your plans. Stick to your budget. Take care of crucial matters and details personally. Don't promise the impossible or give in to unreasonable demands.



Cancer You'll be tempted by someone or something that is out of your price range. Don't be fooled by gimmicks or smooth talkers looking to make a sale. Do your research.

Leo Physical activity will ease stress and keep

you out of trouble. Walk away from anyone



playing emotional games with you or taking advantage of your kindness and generosity. Virgo Look over contracts, settlements, and medications you are taking, and make notes

that will help improve performance. Plan something special with someone you love.



Libra Share your ideas and collaborate with someone reliable. What you accomplish by participating in worthy causes will change the way you handle people and bad influences.



Scorpio You'll face opposition if you overreact. Expect a dramatic response from someone close to you if you overstep your bounds. Consider options before you make a decision.



Sagittarius A change in the way you handle your money will encourage a better lifestyle and daily routine. Make changes that encourage saving more and spending less.



Capricorn Keep busy. Don't allow yourself too much time to engage in arguments or get involved in something that will leave you in a vulnerable position.



Aquarius A high-energy approach to life will help you stay fit and feel good about the way you look and feel. Aim high when it comes to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.



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